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## **Indiana Department of Education Congratulates Purple Star Recipients**

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Department of Education today congratulated the recipients of Indiana's inaugural Purple Star school designation. The Indiana Purple Star school designation honors schools that have displayed a significant commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to our nation's military.

"As a proud military parent, I know firsthand the honor and respect our nation's military deserves," said State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick. "I want to thank Indiana schools for their commitment to honoring and highlighting military service members. I am happy to award the inaugural Purple Star designation to a group of very deserving schools."

In its first year, schools had to meet specific requirements to receive the Purple Star School Designation. These include, assigning a point of contact for military families, passing a resolution supporting military students and families, guaranteeing interviews for service members and their immediate family who meet the minimum job qualifications, and more. In total, 60 schools received the inaugural designation.

For more information on the Purple Star School Designation or to view a list of 2020 recipients, please visit: <a href="https://www.in.gov/doe/files/2020-purple-star-recipents-3.pdf">https://www.in.gov/doe/files/2020-purple-star-recipents-3.pdf</a>

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